

Welcome and introductions

Present:

Pam, Mary, Jane, Robin, David, Mark, Jackie, John

Review of charge of COC Benefit employment charge

Discussion about employment:

- Assistance brochure was discussed and it was determined to update and complete the task.
- Collaboration with Independence First: Work Incentives & Planning Assistance program.
- WISE: Stigma elimination through personal story telling/sharing and has become very successful as a tool to help decrease stigma for individuals with mental illness.
- If goal is to improve applications, what is on individuals wish-list that is needed to close the gap on the successful applications. Research the gap and understand what the system needs can do to assist improvement.
- Understand the breath of need by assessing current providers, resource centers possibly 211.
- Jan will provide options to the group on how to research the gap is successful applications.

Summary:

1. Brochure: How do I get help applying for disability and SSI in Milwaukee
2. SOAR Consortium and developing a wish-list needs to eliminate the barriers.
3. Vignette Video individuals testimonials who are successful in utilizing return to work programs.

Wish-list

- direct contact with social security and disability determination for all SOAR applications
- consortium process would help provide more supports the work of providers doing the applications.
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